

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13 and 16-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 15 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and claims 17 and 18 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

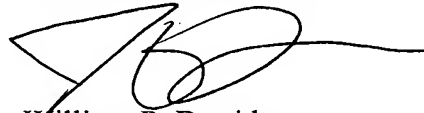
The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Cheung at the interviews held February 6 and 27 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview. During the interview, Examiner Cheung suggested claim amendments to place the application in condition for allowance. Examiner Cheung also indicated that a Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/825,311 will be required in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are amended, and claim 15 is canceled, as suggested by Examiner Cheung. Applicant also respectfully submits the Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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